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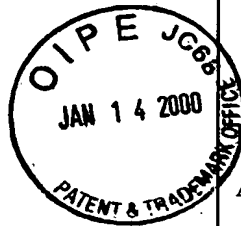
In re application of:

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For: CARTRIDGE FILLING AND
SEALING APPARATUS



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Amendment and Response

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 1999, the due date being extended five (5) months from August 15, 1999 to January 15, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Remarks

Claims 1-23 are pending in the subject application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the above amendments and remarks as set forth herein below.

I. The Claims of the subject application stand subject to an Election/Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Species I, Claims 1-19. This Election is being made without traverse.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are necessary and hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

Respectfully submitted,

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